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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

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INVENTION: "POLISHING METHOD, POLISHING APPARATUS, PLATING METHOD, AND PLATING APPARATUS"

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Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" on page 1, insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application(s) No(s). P2000-284260 filed September 19, 2000, which application(s) is/are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

Respectfully submitted,



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